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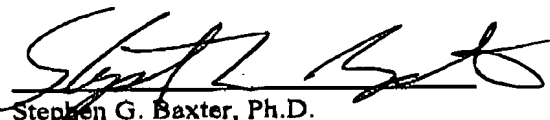
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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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<i>Streptococcus thermophilus</i> YS 48	I-1669
<i>Lactobacillus bulgaricus</i> LB 1	I-1664
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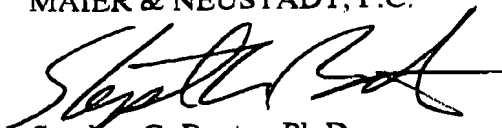
2. Access to the cell lines identified in paragraph 1 above will be available during the pendency of the above-identified patent application to those determined by the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to be entitled thereto under 37 C.F.R. 1.14 and 35 U.S.C. §122.

3. All restrictions on the availability to the public of the cell lines identified in paragraph 1 above will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of any patent issuing on the above-identified patent application.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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